

### **REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, the claims were divided into three groups:

Group I - Claims 1-30 and 35, drawn to a method for removing arsenic from water.

Group II - Claims 31-34, drawn to a composition.

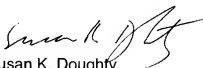
Group III - Claims 36-39, drawn to a method of making a gel.

In response, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-30 and 35, with traverse. The Office Action stated the Groups do not relate to a single inventive concept. It is believed the Groups all relate to the concept of removing arsenic from arsenic-containing water using a precipitating composition. In any event, it is believed a search of all Groups would not be burdensome on the Office.

### **CONCLUSION**

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (two months) and an authorization to charge the fee due (believed to be \$225.00 for two months extension of time) to Deposit Account No. 07-1969. If this is incorrect however, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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